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Grand Island Shoeinaker, a K-8 School, accompanied by Don Arrants, teacher. If you'd stand and be recognized, we welcome you to your Legislature. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign engrossed Legislative Bills 524, 610, and 479. Read into the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have explanation of vote for Senator Marsh. Enrollment and Review reports 228 to Select File with the E & R amendments attached. 447 Select File with the E & R amendments attached. New resolution, Mr. President, 192 by Senator Pappas. Read LR 192. Mr. President, the next motion I have to 410 is by Senator Hoagland. Senator Hoagland will move to return the bill for a specific amendment. The amendment is on page 1761 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President, this amendment would delete the authority, but in addition to that, transfer the money over to the general operating fund to the University. Now the way this bill is structured, why UNO is permitted to enter into contracts for the purchase of land and then pay those debts off over a ten-year period at the rate of about \$300,000 a year for ten years. Now once again, I think if we're going to be spending \$3 million, I would much prefer to see it spent on University operations and University land. This amendment would transfer those payoff amounts \$300,000 a year for ten years into the University general operating budget so it can be applied to staff salaries, support services, to other functions that will improve the quality of education not just at UNO but throughout the entire University system. I would ask that you adopt this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: (mike not activated)...recognize Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the Hoagland amendment. I want to say very briefly that there are a few issues here that need to be discussed and I think I'll, Senator Chambers, I think I'll keep my remarks on this project as opposed to spilling over into the North Freeway, although the opportunity to rebut some of your remarks are, is tough to contain, that's correct. But the issue here is, in fact, whether or not we should be authorizing the University an opportunity to pick up some land to its west, to provide for some expansion space that the University of Nebraska at Omaha most desperately needs, in my humble opinion. I'd like to point to the enrollment, UNO enrollment figures that Senator Hoagland indicates are